

BRITISH COLUMBIA AGENCY SUES CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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The British Columbia College of Teachers (BCCT) sued the Trinity Western University, alleging that the school's policy on homosexuality and other forms of immorality is "discriminatory" and "contrary to the public interest." Trinity is located in Langley, which is 20 miles east of Vancouver.

Trinity, founded by the Evangelical Free Church of Canada and America, with an enrollment of 2,500, holds the biblical position that homosexuality is a sinful perversion and sexual relationships outside of marriage are immoral and sinful.

The BCCT claims that "labeling homosexual behavior as sinful has the effect of excluding persons whose sexual orientation is no more separable from a person than color." The BCCT is concerned that students steeped in the TWU world-view will be unable "to support all children regardless of race, color, religion, or sexual orientation within a respectful and nonjudgmental relationship" once they become teachers (Christianity Today, May 19, 1997, p. 53).

The school's appeal is scheduled to be heard this month by the British Columbia Supreme Court.